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# THE MIRACLE WORKER

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**HUSBAND**

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**HUSBAND'S MOTHER**

**HUSBAND'S FATHER**

**HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES**

**WIFE**

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**WIFE'S MOTHER**

**WIFE'S FATHER**

**WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS**

**CHILDREN**  
List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth  
Given Names SURNAMES

**WHEN BORN**  
DAY MONTH YEAR

**WHERE BORN**

TOWN COUNTY STATE OR COUNTRY

**Husband**

**Wife**

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NAME & ADDRESS

**JOHN AND R. S. DUKE.**

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Wherever a person was in trouble, or had sickness in his family and he went first to John or Robt. Duke. They have spent many weary nights, sitting up with the sick and have always been on hand to give words of comfort and consolation to those who were in distress or sorrow. In doing this they were carrying on the work of their father, who set the example for them.

Their parents, Jonathan O. and Mary Stone Duke, came from Derbyshire, England, in 1829, and settled at Albany, New York, where they em-

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Braced the gospel in 1836. Three years later they moved to Nauvoo, Ill., and joined the main body of the church. On the way, however, they place the Saints were organized into companies for crossing the plains. They reached Salt Lake City October 3, 1856, and the next year moved to Provo.

John Duke was born at Albany, New York, November 19, 1834. He moved to Heber in the spring of 1861. He past through all the early hard incident to pioneer life, but on few of the many interesting even can be mentioned here. When the call was made for assistance to establish the Pony Express, John Duke was sent back to Ft. Leavenworth, as one of the riders, but before the arrangements were completed, Wm. Fargo & Company received the contract for carrying the mail and the project was abandoned.

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#### ROBERT STONE DUKE

Robert Stone Duke was born April 14, 1837, in the state of New York. His parents were early converts to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As a boy he lived in Nauvoo and was acquainted with Joseph Smith. He remembered the



martyrdom of the Prophet very well, and also was at the meeting of the saints when the mantle of Joseph Smith fell on Brigham Young, and he bore testimony of this until his dying day. When mob violence became the rule in Nauvoo, the Dukes were among those who were forced to leave.

They became pioneers of Utah and Heber Valley. He came to Heber from Provo and carried a plow on his back. He settled just west of the cemetery section and made his home there for over 60 years.

Robert S. Duke became bishop of Heber East Ward and was a servant to his people. He visited the sick, comforted the bereaved, and ministered to the poor. His last twenty years were served as a Patriarch of Wasatch Stake. For many years he collected milk from the valley farmers and delivered it to Hatch's creamery, north of town. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He died June 16, 1923.

Annie Ross Young Duke was born July 13, 1839, in Nashville, Tenn. Her father was a carpenter and cabinet maker. He also made beautiful hardwood caskets. Her mother was a seamstress and learned to be a tailor and made men's clothing. Her parents heard the elders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, accepting the gospel in Nauvoo in 1843. They lived in the basement of John D. Lee's home while her father was building them a two-story brick home.

Her father worked on the Nauvoo Temple and he and her mother had their endowments therein. They lived there until the saints were driven out, in 1846. That summer all the family came down with "chills and fever." Her youngest brother died there.

When they left to come west they were on the ill-fated boat "Saluda," that blew

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up at Lexington, Mo. Over 150 people were killed. They stayed there about six weeks, drying their bedding and luggage. Her father bought three yoke of cattle, a wagon and everything necessary for the trip west. They came in Captain Tidwell's company. Her father died of cholera on July 5, 1812.

She married Robert S. Duke on March 6, 1817, in Provo, Utah. They moved to Heber Valley in 1860. She was an ardent Church worker all her life, serving as Stake Relief Society president for 12 years and as president of the YWMIA 18 years. She also prepared hundreds of people for burial, making most of the clothing by hand. She died January 14, 1926.

He married Rachel Horrocks.

#### RACHEL HORROCKS DUKE



Rachel Horrocks Duke was born December 26, 1853, at Lancashire, England, daughter of John and Ann Horrocks. She died April 24, 1942, in Provo.

She married Robert Stone Duke on November 11, 1872, at the Salt Lake Endowment House. He was the son of Jonathan Oldham and Mary Stone Duke. He was born April 14, 1837, at Albany, New York.

Their children: Mrs. Aldoras (Mary Ann) Dayton, Mrs. Albert (Adelia) Richens, Robert Roger, Mrs. John J. (Emily Jane) Sellers, Lyman, Mrs. Nels (Betsy) Anderson, and Mrs. John W. (Katy Lenhart) Hoover.

Rachel Horrocks was born December 26, 1853, at Lancashire, England, daughter of John and Ann Horrocks. The Horrocks family were Methodists until Mormon elders went to their home. They were soon converted by the elders. They were very religious and would walk four and one-half

miles to Church on Sunday morning and then walk back at night. Their home was headquarters for the elders.

When Rachel was 11 the family sailed for America. While grandfather and her brother were arranging the passport, etc., grandmother's brother stole her away. (We always thought that she was drugged, for she loved her husband and family and would not have left them voluntarily.) It was three and one-half years before the family could raise enough money to send for her. She had aged terribly. Her black hair was now white.

They were six weeks crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel, "The Arkwright," landing at Castle Gardens and spending several days preparing for the trek across the plains. They spent nine weeks on the plains, walking most of the way. Rachel developed mountain fever (typhoid) and was delirious for days. Grandfather said: "I'm afraid we are going to lose our girl and have to bury her on the plains." Her brother said: "Never; we started with her to Zion and there she will go." She commenced to get better, but very slowly. When they reached Heber, some of their friends who had left England earlier came to meet them.

There were many hardships those first years. The homes were dirt-roofed cabins and tiny lights compared to their moderately comfortable home in England. Money was hard to obtain. Flour was \$14 for 100 pounds, and everything in proportion. In England they observed the Sabbath day and were not used to swearing and profanity, so when they came here and found the opposite they had left Zion.

At socials and meetings the whole family was called on to sing, as they were all good singers. Rachel had a wonderful alto voice and sang in the stake choir many years. At the time the Wasatch Stake Tabernacle was dedicated she sang the obbligato in one of the anthems and received much praise.

The year Rachel immigrated, my father (Robert Stone Duke) was sent to meet the immigrants. Joseph Taylor, who was a friend of the Horrocks family, asked Robert Stone Duke to try and bring the Horrocks family, but he was one day late arriv-

ing and they had been assigned to another company.

On November 11, 1872, Rachel Horrocks and Robert Stone Duke were married in the Endowment House. They had seven children, 42 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren.

She was a Relief Society visiting teacher and a practical nurse, being called out by neighbors. She was affectionately known by young and old as "Aunt Rachel."

Rachel Horrocks Duke died on April 22, 1942, in Provo, at the home of her daughter (Betsy Duke Anderson). She was buried in Heber City Cemetery. —

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Joseph's father was a very sick man when he arrived at Nauvoo. He had become completely deaf and was unable to stand alone. Doctors had despairs of curing him from what may have been a stroke. No sooner had Joseph met the Prophet than he asked for his help, and he described the Prophet's reply. "Brother Joseph made father a promise in the name of Israel's God that if he would be baptized seven times in the Mississippi River, he would be made whole in one week." Each day for seven days Joseph helped his aged father, then nearly 60 years old, into the waters of the Mississippi where Joseph Smith baptized him and cast out the illness that had so ravaged his frail body, and on the seventh day his father "was made whole again in the time set apart, sound of mind and never to be anymore afflicted in life." Joseph's father left the water strong of limb, clear eyed and sound of mind with his hearing completely restored, which miracle Joseph wrote, "I bear testimony to what I have written as an eye witness."<sup>(5)</sup>

From that miraculous day, Joseph with his wife and family dedicated every working minute to helping the Prophet build up their new church. His father placed all of their money and other worldly wealth at the disposal of the church, in return "to be given an inheritance in Zion." We are not told how much wealth was turned over to the church, but it must have been considerable since it represented the sale of their home and farm and perhaps even their life savings.

Joseph soon became close friends with many whose lives would be closely intertwined with his along the long trail to Zion and at

Joseph Stacey  
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## THOMPSON FAMILY

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The ancestors of the Thompson family were born of English parents. George Thompson was born on April 7, 1798, at Hull, Yorkshire, England. He came to Utah in 1853. His wife, Jane Goldthrop, was born March 12, 1807, at Barrow, Lincolnshire, England. She came to Utah in 1856. George Thompson was a very religious man and was strong in his faith. He had the gift of speaking in tongues. George Thompson was drowned while fording Provo River.

William Thompson was born on December 19, 1829, at Hull, Yorkshire, England, son of George and Sarah Goldthrop Thompson, and he came to Utah with his father in 1853.

William married Sarah Fenn in 1856. She was born August 3, 1842, daughter of William and Sarah Fenn.

In 1859 they moved from Provo to Heber and lived about a year. He then went back to Provo, where he resided about two years, returning to Heber, where he remained the remainder of his life.

He was a mason by trade and also made adobes used for lining houses to make them warmer. He was an Indian war veteran.

William and his wife, Sarah, would go into the fields and gather straw that she used to make into beautiful hats. She was one of the first hat makers in Heber. The

straw was smoked or smouldered and then she would braid it to make her mats. She would shape the hats over a large wooden block. She would leave early in the morning take her cycle and dinner and gather the kind of straw she used.

Some days her daughter, Mary Ann, would make biscuits to take to her parents in the fields, and they would soak them in water, which was their dinner. They usually went to the fields west of the cemetery to gather the straw.

She was always busy and was a hard working mother. As often as she could she recited the gospel. Sarah died shortly after her last baby's birth. When she died 13 children were left the young, the old and the sick.

Sarah had a pleasant disposition never complaining and had a smile for everyone. She never sat without having a smile on her face. She was a quiet woman, a good woman. She was a wonderful woman who lived a life of simplicity and reverence unto the Lord. Fifteen times she gave birth to new spirits and finally gave her life to accomplish this wonderful feat. What more could a woman do than this?

God will well bless such a dear mother.

HENRY AND LENA MATILDA  
BURGENER ZENGER



Henry Zenger was born in Habkern, Kt., Bern Switzerland, October 1, 1882, the only child of Heinrich and Maryanna Boss Zenger. He married Lena Matilda Burgener on November 6, 1907 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was born in Midway on March 10, 1884, a daughter of Andrew and Magdalena Maier Burgener.

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As a boy Henry worked on his father's land. There was just enough property to sustain the three members of the family. They had some cows, sheep, goats and a pig. Henry's father was a good cheese maker and his mother was an accomplished weaver. All Henry's early clothing was homemade, including the shoes made from leather he helped tan.

When Henry was nine he broke his leg and lay in bed from Sunday until Monday before a doctor could come. In the meantime his mother, who had been investigating the Mormon faith, rubbed the leg with consecrated oil, and when the doctor arrived the huge swelling and the high fever had nearly subsided. The doctor was amazed at the severe injury and how little swelling and fever there were. The leg healed completely with no trace of even a limp. Through the incident the family continued their investigation of the Church and were baptized in May of 1897. On June 10, 1897 they left for the United States in the company of two missionaries from Midway, John U. Probst and Emil Kohler. They arrived on July 3, 1897 in time for the Independence Day celebration on July 4.

In Midway, Henry resumed his schooling, learned English and became a member of the Independent Brass Band. He served as a deacon and teacher in the Church and also attended Brigham Young University in Provo.

During February of 1906 he met Lena Matilda Burgener, and they were married in November of 1907. To them were born five children.

Henry and his wife were active in Church work in Midway. He served in the presidency of the 96th Quorum of Seventy, for three years as senior president. He was also in the Second Ward Mutual superintendency, the Sunday School superintendency and from 1928 to 1940 was Sunday School superintendent. He supported two of his sons on missions for the Church, and served as a ward teacher for 50 years.

Lena was reared in Midway, where she attended school and joined the ward choir at the age of 10. When she was 18 she took a job with Fred Buehler in his store, and then later worked in Mark Jeff's store and then in Salt Lake. She taught Sunday School for five years, was MIA chorister for five years and Relief Society chorister for 28 years.

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At the time of the ward division in 1903 she was called to serve as second counselor in the Primary presidency of the Midway Second Ward, and served in this calling for 13 years.

A dutiful daughter, she cared for her ailing parents and her mother-in-law for many years. As a hobby she learned rug weaving and has made many rugs. She prided herself in the fact that all her children were married in the temple.

Henry died November 25, 1954.

Children born to Henry and Lena Zenger: Mrs. Charles (Eva Lena) Grose, Ray Henry married Lucile Allred, Mrs. Marion (Cleo Mae) Hiatt, Glen Herman married Emily Hellawell, Dean Lamont married Juanita Ross.

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